

Managing Security Vulnerabilities in Your Commercial-off-the-Shelf (COTS) Systems Using an Industry Standards Effort

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DoD's Move to IP will Leverage Commercially Available Capabilities... and Liabilities....

POLICY

STRATEGIES

Air Force wires weapons to Web

Plan pushes more info to warfighters

BY GEORGE I. SEFFERS

he U.S. Air Force is requiring that all command and control systems and weapon systems be wired to the World Wide Web.

John Gilligan, an Air Force deputy chief information officer, said that the Webenablement policy offers several benefits, including universal access to data, a reduction in personnel and lower costs.

"The intent is really to establish a formal way that we will Web-enable, we will use XML [Extensible Markup Language], and we will use [Internet Protocol]," Gilligan said. By using IP to connect the data links, he said the Air Force will be able to use commercially available capabilities.

Air Force Secretary James Roche and Gen. Michael Ryan, outgoing Air Force chief of staff, signed the policy July 9. Web-enabling technologies and standards to govern information interchange and promote greater interoperability," the document states.

The memo calls specifically for the use of four technologies: IP, XML, URLs and

Web browsers.

Currently, most weapon and command and control systems use a plethora of protocols and are not always able to

share data. That means the data has to be manually transferred from one system to another, and sometimes it cannot even be accessed or found. XML is a "far superior data exchange protocol," Gilligan said.

"The first benefit would be the abili-

tion. We have found that just by providing a link to systems, it opens up information universally," Gilligan said.

Lt. Gen. John Woodward, the other Air Force deputy CIO and the service's director of communications and information, estimates that operational power is the biggest benefit from data exchange. The

Woodward acknowledged that weapon systems wired to the Web will be even more vulnerable to information warfare attacks and said that information will have to be assured and additional vulnerabilities will simply have "to be dealt with."

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Many Motivations for Getting on top of Vulnerabilities



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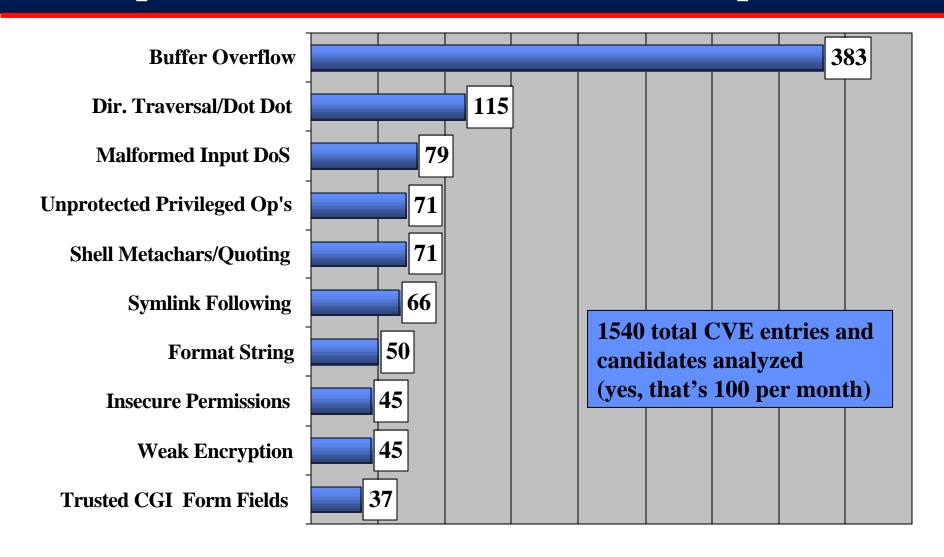
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Software problems with security implications are referred to as Vulnerabilities or Exposures

- O Vulnerabilities are security related software problems that could directly allow serious damage
- 0 Examples:
 - phf, ToolTalk, Smurf, rpc.cmsd, etc.
 - Oracle XSQL servlet 1.0.3.0 and earlier allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary Java code by redirecting the XSQL server to another source via the xml-stylesheet parameter in the xslt stylesheet. [9 Jan 01 Georgi Guninski]

- 0 Exposures are security related software problems that could be used as stepping stones for a successful attack
- 0 Examples:
 - Running finger, poor logging practices, etc.

Top Ten Vulnerability Types in CVE (Issues publicized between Jan 2000 and April 2001)



Vulnerabilities Have Been Found in Almost Every Type of Commercial Software There Is

Mail Servers

1st Up Mail Server
All-Mail
ALMail32
Avirt Mail Server
Becky! Internet Mail
CWMail
Domino Mail Server
Exchange Server
Hotmail
Internet Anywhere Mail Server
ITHouse Mail Server
Microsoft Exchange
Pegasus Mail
Sendmail

Security Software

ACE/Server
BlackICE Agent
BlackICE Defender
Certificate Server
CProxy Server
ETrust Intrusion Detection
GateKeeper
InterScan VirusWall
Kerberos 5
Norton AntiVirus
PGP
SiteMinder
Tripwire

Web servers & tools

Domino HTTP Server
IIS
NCSA Web Server
Sawmill
WebTrends Log Analyzer

Internet

AFS
Apache
BIND
CGI
Cron
IMAP

Routers

3220-H DSL Router 650-ST ISDN Router Ascend Routers Cisco Routers R-series routers

Network Applications

BackOffice Meeting Maker NetMeeting

DBMSs

Access
DB2 Universal Database
FileMaker Pro
MSQL
Oracle

Desktop Applications

Acrobat Clip Art Excel FrameMaker Internet Explorer Napster client Notes Client Novell client Office Outlook **PowerPoint** Project Quake R5 Client StarOffice Timbuktu Pro Word Works Workshop

Development Tools

ClearCase
ColdFusion
Flash
Frontpage
GNU Emacs
JRun
WebLogic Server
Visual Basic
Visual Studio

Operating Systems

BeOS BSD/OS DG/UX **FreeBSD** HP-UX IRIX Linux MacOS Runtime for Java MPE/iX **NetWare OpenBSD** Palm OS Red Hat Security-Enhanced Linux Solaris SunOS Ultrix Windows 2000 Windows 95 Windows 98

Firewalls

Windows ME

Windows NT

Firewall-1
Gauntlet Firewall
PIX Firewall
Raptor Firewall
SOHO Firewall

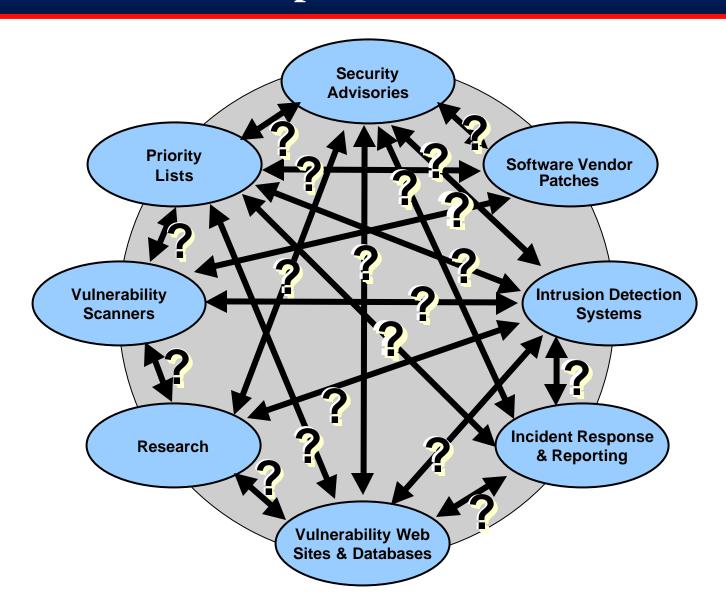




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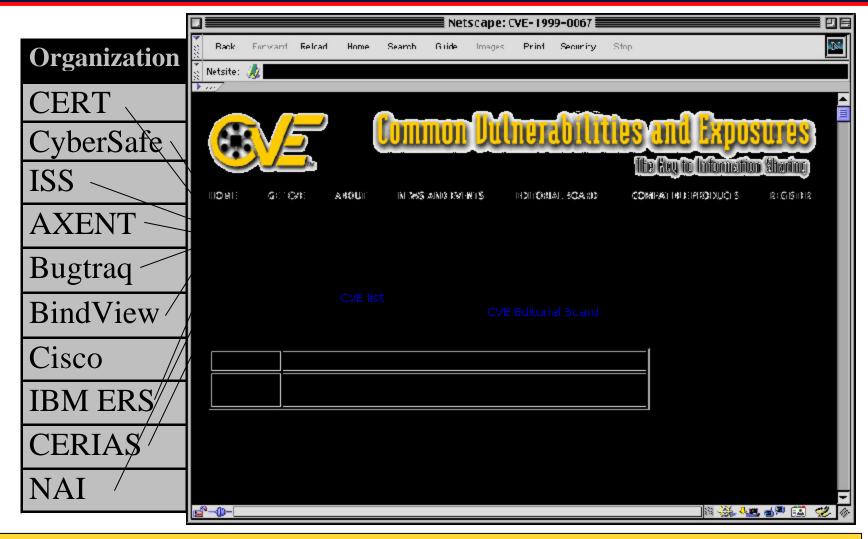
Difficult to Integrate Information on Vulnerabilities and Exposures



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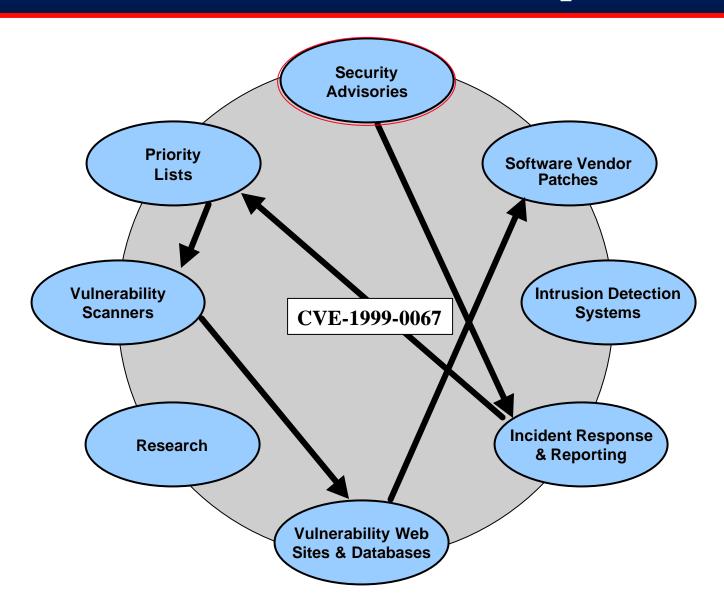
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The adoption of CVE Names by the Security Community is starting to address this problem



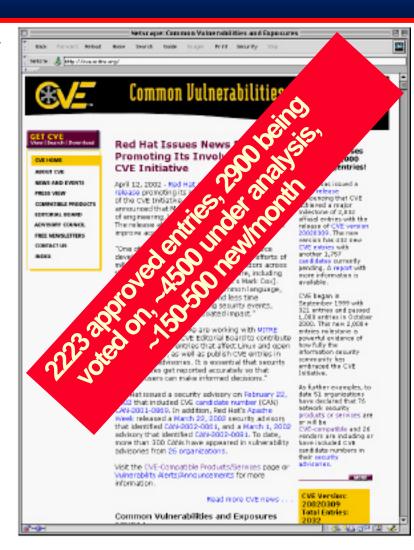
Along with the new rule, "Whoever finds it, gets a CVE name for it"

The CVE List provides a path for integrating information on Vulnerabilities and Exposures

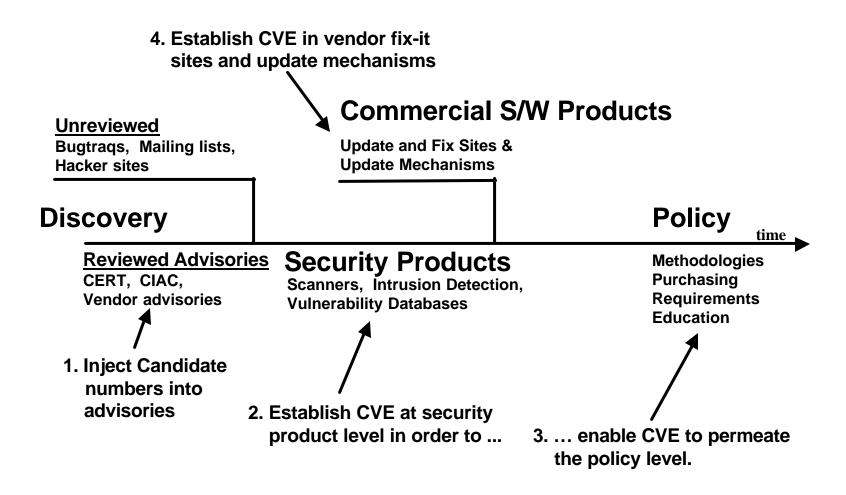


The Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) Initiative

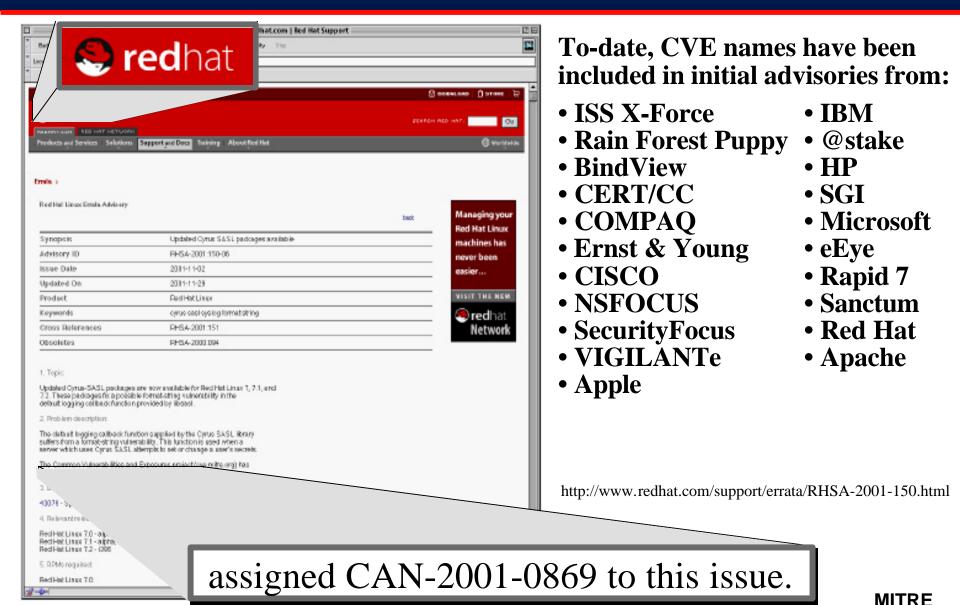
- O An international security community activity led by MITRE focused on developing a list that provides common names for publicly known information security vulnerabilities and exposures.
- 0 Key tenets
 - One name for one vulnerability or exposure
 - One standardized description for each vulnerability or exposure
 - Existence as a dictionary rather than a database
 - Publicly accessible for review or download from the Internet
 - Industry participation in open forum (editorial board)
- 0 The CVE list and information about the CVE effort are available on the CVE web site at [cve.mitre.org]



The CVE Strategy



Many organizations are reserving CVE names and using them in their alerts and advisories



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What does CVE-compatible mean?

- O CVE-compatible means that a tool or database can "speak CVE" and correlate data with other CVE-compatible products
- **O CVE-compatible means it meets the following requirements:**
 - Can find items by CVE name (CVE searchable)
 - Includes CVE name in output for each item (CVE output)
 - Provided MITRE with "vulnerability" item mappings to validate the accuracy of the product or services CVE entries
 - Makes a good faith effort to keep mappings accurate

Organizations With Products That Use CVE (as of 15 October 2002)

O These (66) organizations have publicly declared that they are working on (103) CVE-compatible tools, databases, web sites, or services

Advanced Research Corp

Alliance Qualité Logiciel

Application Security, Inc.

Archer Technologies LLC

ArcSight, Inc.

BindView Corporation

CERIAS/Purdue University

CERT Coordination Center

Cert-IST

Cisco Systems

Citadel Security Software, Inc.

CSS (China National Computer Software & Technology Service Corporation)

E*MAZE Networks S.P.A

E-Soft Inc.

eEye Digital Security

Enterasys Networks (bought Network Security Wizards)

Entercept Security Technologies

esCERT-UPC eSecurityOnline

Foundstone. Inc.

FuJian RongJi Software Development Company, Ltd

Harris Corporation

Internet Security Systems

Intranode

INTRINsec

IntruVert Networks Inc.

Inzen

Kavado Inc.

Kingnet Security Inc.

LURHQ Corporation

nCircle (formerly Hiverworld)
The Nessus Project

NetIQ

NetSecure Technology, Inc. Network Associates Inc.

Network Security Systems

NIST

NFR Security

NSFOCUS Information Technology Co., Ltd

N-Stalker, Inc.

nSecure Software (P) LTD.

OneSecure

Penta Security Systems

Qualys Rapid 7 Inc.

Red Hat Inc.

SAINT Corporation (formerly World Wide Digital Security, Inc.)

Sanctum Inc.

SANS

SecureInfo Corporation

SecureSoft, Inc. Security Focus, Inc.

SecurityWatch

Shake Communications Pty Ltd

Snort.org

spiDYNAMICS

Strongbox Security Inc. (SSI)

Symantec Corporation

Tiger Testing
Tivoli Systems Inc.

Tsinghua UnisNet Technology, Ltd. UC Davis, Computer Security Lab Venus Information Technology Inc.

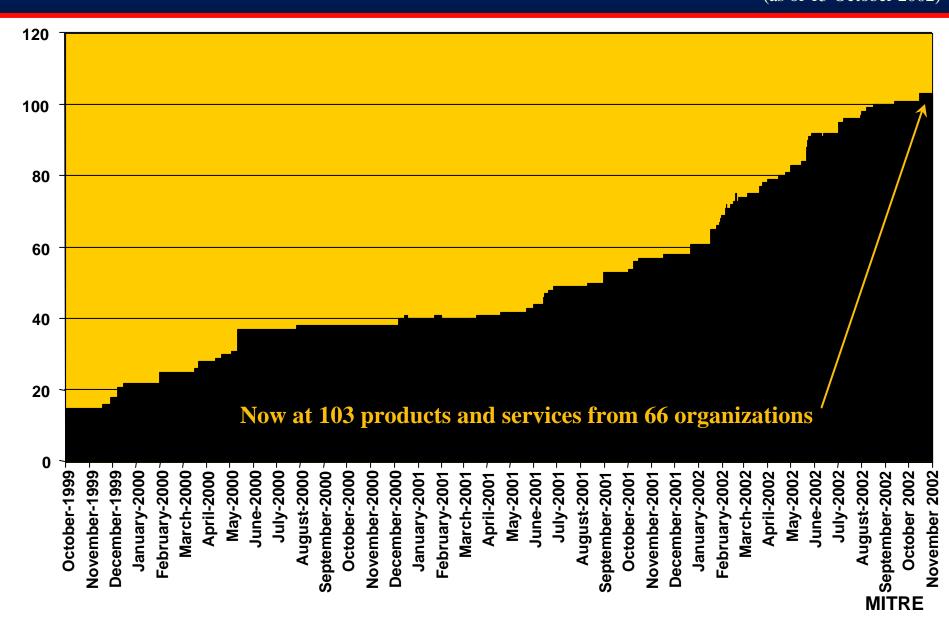
VIGILANTe (merged with Cyrano's Networks Vigilance subsidiary)

Vigilinx, Inc.

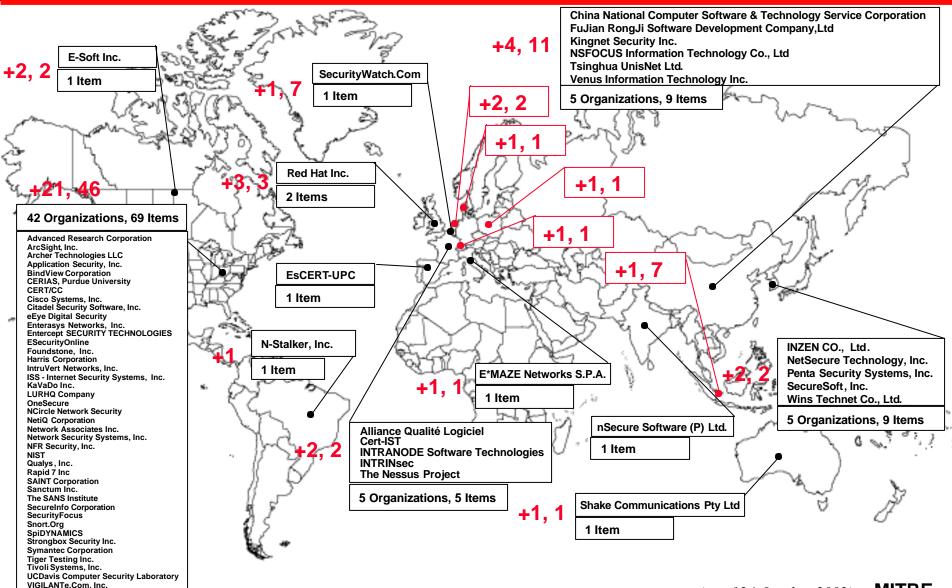
Wins Technet Co., Ltd.

Timeline of CVE Compatibility Declarations

(as of 15 October 2002)

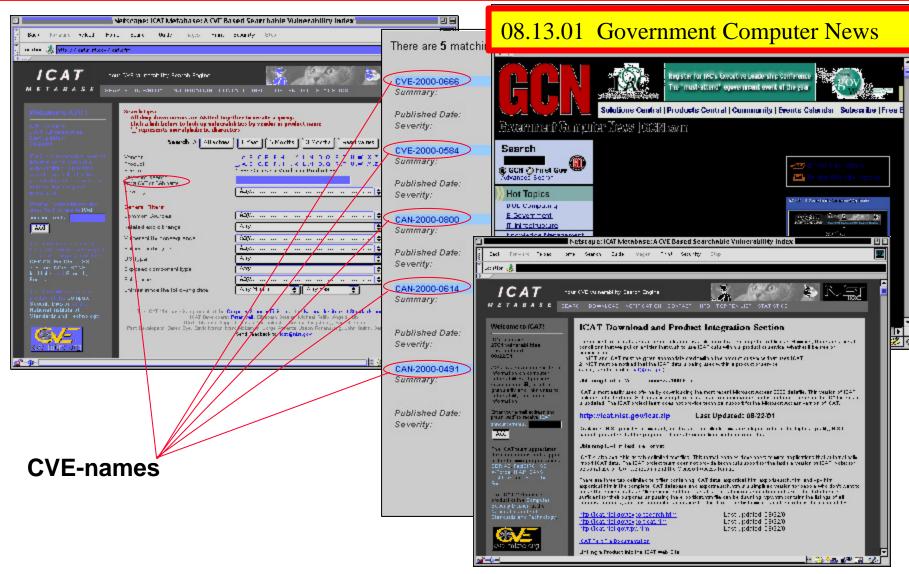


Where CVE-compatible Items Have Come From and Where the New Ones Are Coming From

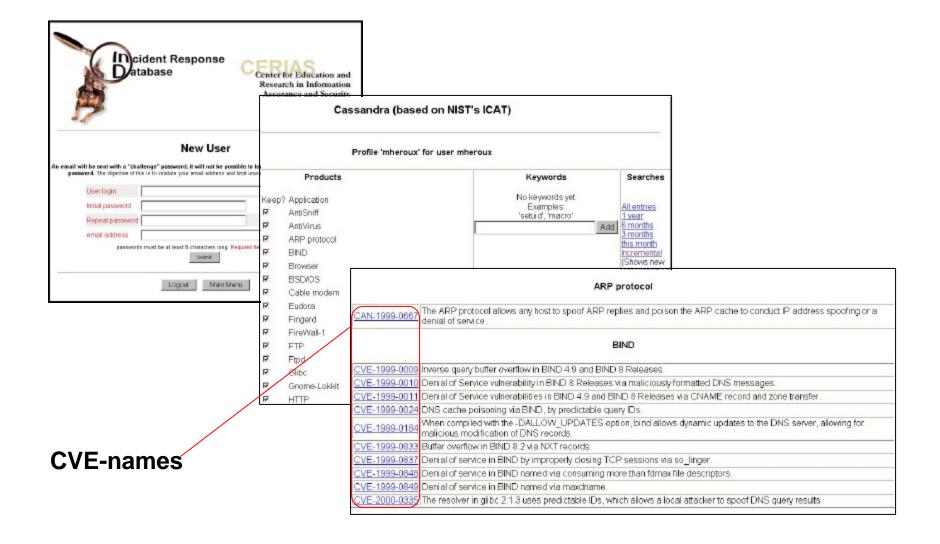


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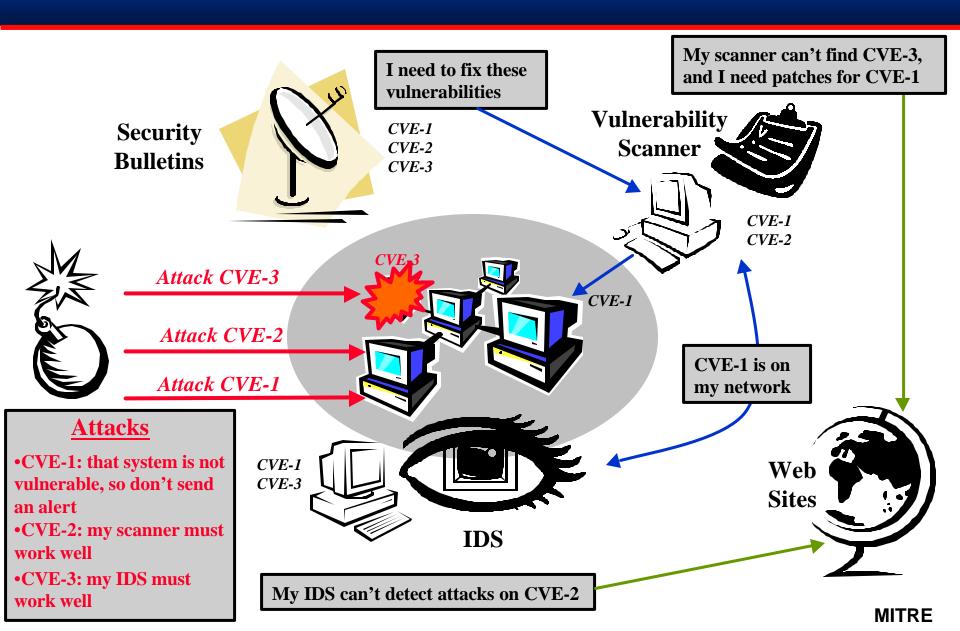
Examples of CVE-compatible items: *The ICAT Metabase*



Examples continued: Cassandra



Using CVE in the Enterprise



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CVE Senior Advisory Council Objectives and Roles

...The CVE Council is established to ensure that the CVE program receives the sponsorship, including funding and guidance, required to maximize the effectiveness of this program ...

Council Roles

- 0 Act as a catalyst for CVE and related activities.
- O Assure funding for the core CVE activity over the long term including outreach to Government organizations and agencies.
- O Discuss community needs and possible new CVE services.
- O Promote the adoption of CVE at the strategic level.
- 0 Business planning & prioritization.
- O Discuss CVE and related security policy implications for the Federal Government.
- 0 Identify CVE related materials & resources for use by Government ClOs and senior managers.



CVE Senior Advisory Council Members

Co-Chairs:

O John Gilligan, CIO of the USAF, and Co-chair of the Architecture/Interoperability Committee of the CIO Council

O Sallie McDonald, GSA Assistant Commissioner Office of Info Assurance and Critical Infrastructure Protection

Participating Organizations

- O Department of the Treasury
- O Department of Energy
- 0 Department of Labor
- O Department of Health and Human Services
- 0 Internal Revenue Service
- O National Institute of Standards and Technology
- **O Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office**
- **O National Infrastructure Protection Center**
- Office of Management and Budget













Intelligence Community









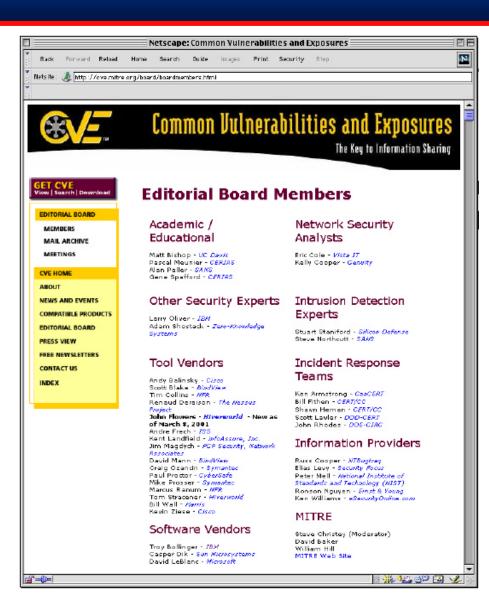






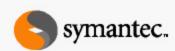
CVE Editorial Board

- O Includes mostly technical representatives from 30 different organizations including researchers, tool vendors, response teams, and end users
- 0 Reviews and approves CVE entries
- O Discusses issues related to CVE maintenance
- 0 Holds monthly meetings (faceto-face or phone)
- 0 Maintains publicly viewable mailing list archives[cve.mitre.org/board/archives]



CVE Editorial Board

























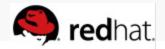






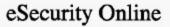
























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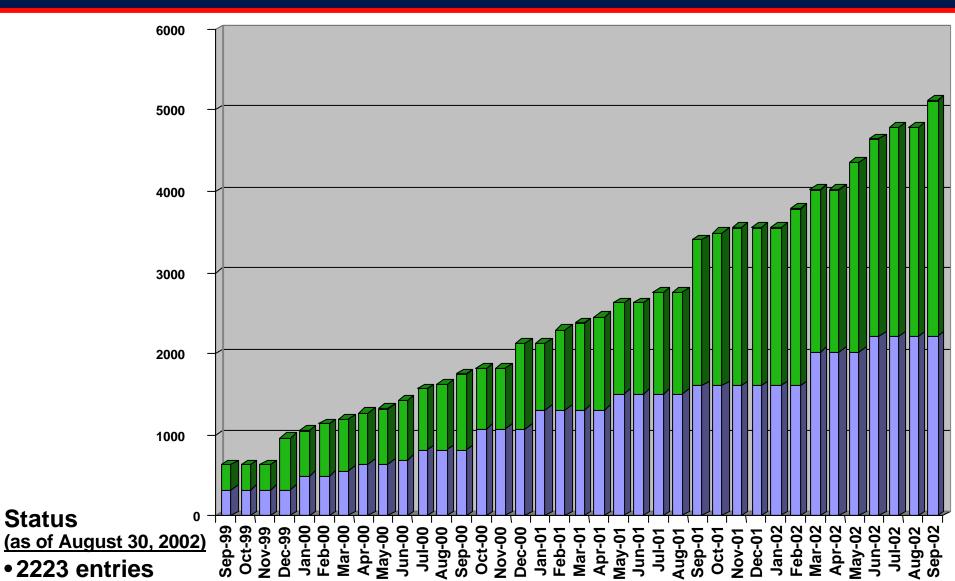








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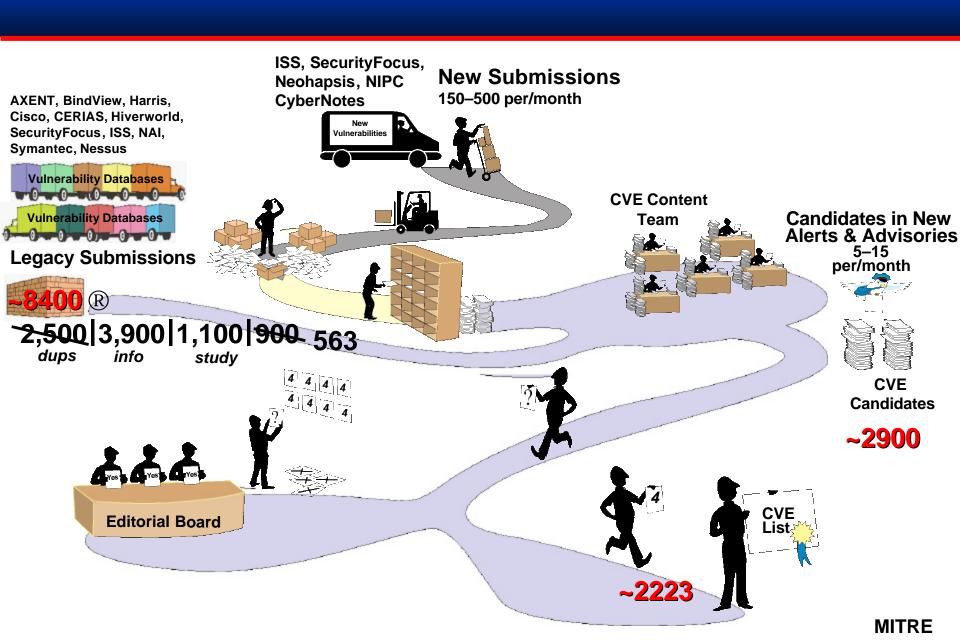


2900 candidates

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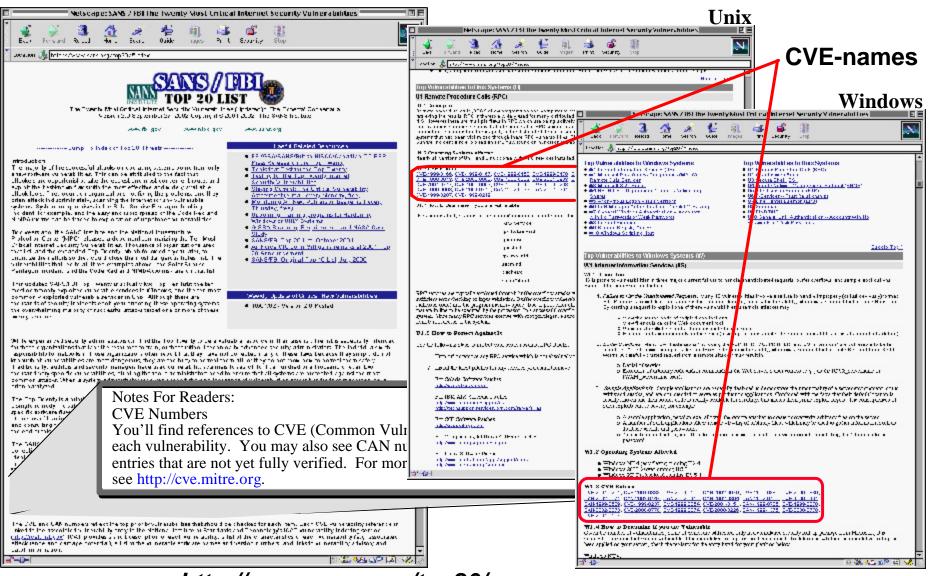
Where the CVE List comes from



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FBI/SANS Institute 2002 Top Twenty uses CVE names ...yet another step down the policy road



Policy on the Use of CVE and CVE-Compatible products

Protecting the Homeland

Report of the Defense Science Board Task Force

on

DEFENSIVE INFORMATION OPERATIONS 2000 Summer Study Volume II



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Office of the Undervervetary of Defense For Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Washington, D.C. 20301-3140 DoD-wide GIG IA testhed. The information from GIG opes he lessons learned through the bed, and if successful in defen exthed avoids the costs and o

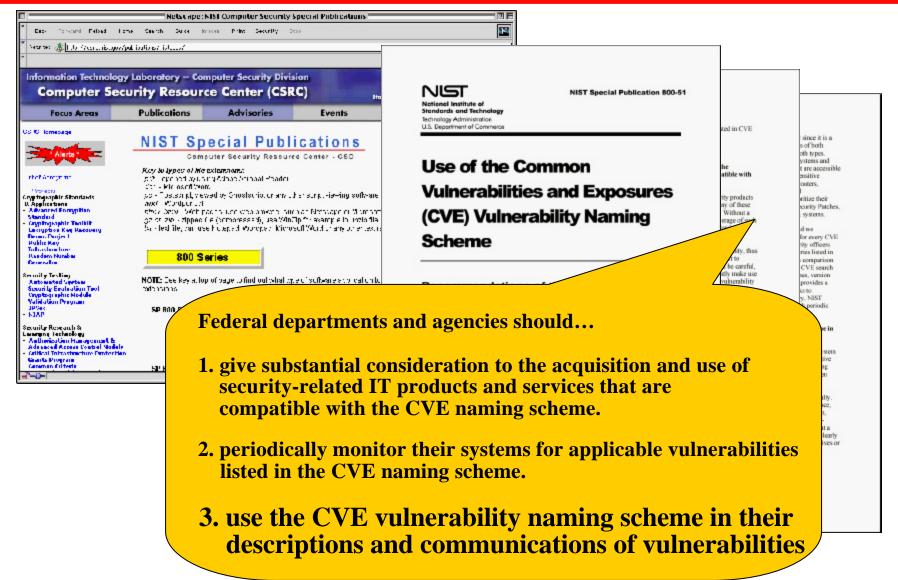
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National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Policy on the Use of CVE and CVE-Compatible products



CVE Has Become Part of Product Comparisons...a step down the road of policy...

	Axent Technologies NetRecon 3.0 + SU7	BindView HackerShield	eEye Digital Security Retina	Internet Security Systems Internet Scanner	Nessus Security Scanner	Network Associates CyberCop Scanner	SARA	World Wide Digital Security SAINT
Price	Starts at \$1,995	\$19.95 per IP scanned	Starts at \$1,145	Starts at \$2,795	Free	\$32 per node, \$2,252 server	Free	Free (report generator starts at \$100)
Platform	Windows NT	Windows NT	Windows NT	Windows NT Workstation	Unix	Windows NT	Unix	Unix
Built-in automatic signature update feature	• (download from Web)	•	•	•	• (download from Web)	•	0	0
Scans for host vulnerabilities	•	•	•		•	-	0	-
CVE cross-references	0	•	0	•	•	0	•	•
Automatic fixing of select vulnerabilities	•	-	_	•	•	-	-	•
Open source	0	0	0	0	•	0	•	•
Command-line automation	0	0	0	•	•	•	•	•
Integrates with a data- management suite	• (Enterprise Security Manager)	0	0	(ISS SafeSuite)	0	• (Security Management Interface)	0	0
Capable of custom security checks	0	0	0	0	• (NASL)	• (CASL)	•	•

Network Computing Article "Vulnerability Assessment Scanners" (1/8/2001)

CVE Enables Detailed Product Comparisons

NETWORK IDS FEATURES NFR Security ISS Computer Intrusion com-CyberSafe Enterasys BlackICE Sentry Network Intrusion IDS 2.5 Centrax 2.4 Dragon 4.2 Prn 3.2 RealSecure 5.5 Detection Soort 1.7 Platform Windows NT/ Annliance RSD Windows NT/ BSD Linux Windows Solaris. Windows NT/2000 Linux, Solaris Windows NT/ 2000 Windows NT Held up on the Bruisernet N N Y (on final revision) Y/N Y/Y Y/Y Y/N Y/N Y/Y Y/N Y/YN/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Integrates with file integrity checkers Ν N management platform Back-end database API Y (MySQL) N Management platform (console) Windows Windows Unix Web Windows Windows Linux Windows Windows NT/2000 NT/2000 NT/2000 NT/2000 NT/2000 NT/2000 CLI/Web Windows Console NT/2000 NT/2000 NT/2000, Web NT/2000 Stealth mode (unbound sniffing NIC) Ν Ν Ν Y (if Whitehats) CVF cross-references Monthly Quarterly and Daily N/A Update frequency Quarterly and As needed Quarterly and Weekly As needed mailing list alerts releases

NETWORK IDS SIGNATURE RESULTS

Attack	CNE	No. of packets	Secure IDS 2.5	Enterasys Dragon 4.2	Intrusion.com SecureNet Pro 3.2	BlackICE Sentry 2.5	ISS RealSecure 5.5	NFR Security NFR Network Intrusion Detection	Snort 1.7	Symantox NetProvide 3.5
AMD	CVE-1999-0704	11	γ	Y	N	γ	Y	N	Y	N
RDS	CVE-1999-1011	22	γ	γ	N	γ	γ	Y	Y	γ
WU-FTP	CVE-1999-0368	44	N	Υ.	N	N	Y	Υ	Υ	N
SNMP write	CAN-1999-0517	2	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Guest SMB login	CAN-1999-0519	19	N	Y.	N	Υ	Y	N	Υ	N
IMAPD	CVE-1999-0005	8	Υ	Y	γ	N	Υ	Y	Y	N
PHF	CVE-1999-0067	10	γ	Y	γ	Υ	γ	Y	Y	Y
Unicode	CVE-2000-0884	10	γ	Y	N	γ	Y	γ	Υ	N
IIS 5 ISAPI	CAN-2001-0241	11	Υ	γ	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Total (out of 9)	6	9	2	5	8	7	8	2		
Detect attacks fragme	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		

e,	Kill connection	SMTP, paging, SNMP, syslog, script	E-mail, SNMP	E-mail, pager, SNMP, script	E-mail, OPSEC, TCP Kill, SNMP, blocking, log to database, alert to Lucent firewall, paging, oustorn	E-mail, pager, SMMP, script	None built in	E-meil, peger, SNMP, script
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/	Low/medium/ high	Suspicious/ probe/attacks/ failures/com- promise/virus	Low/medium/ high	Info/suspicious/ serious/very serious/critical	Low/medium/ high	Info/warning/ attack/error	None	Low/medium/ high
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	N	N/A
00	Sensor: \$960 (software); Console: \$3,000 (software)	Server: \$8,500 (softwere), \$15,000 (appliance); Sensor, \$7,500 (softwere), \$20,000 (appliance)	\$8,495 (appliance)	Sentry full- duplex: \$8,329 (softwere); ICEcap: \$2,900 (software)	Sensor: \$8,995 (software); Console: free (software)	\$12,500 (appliance)	Open source (free)	\$2,996 (sensor and console)

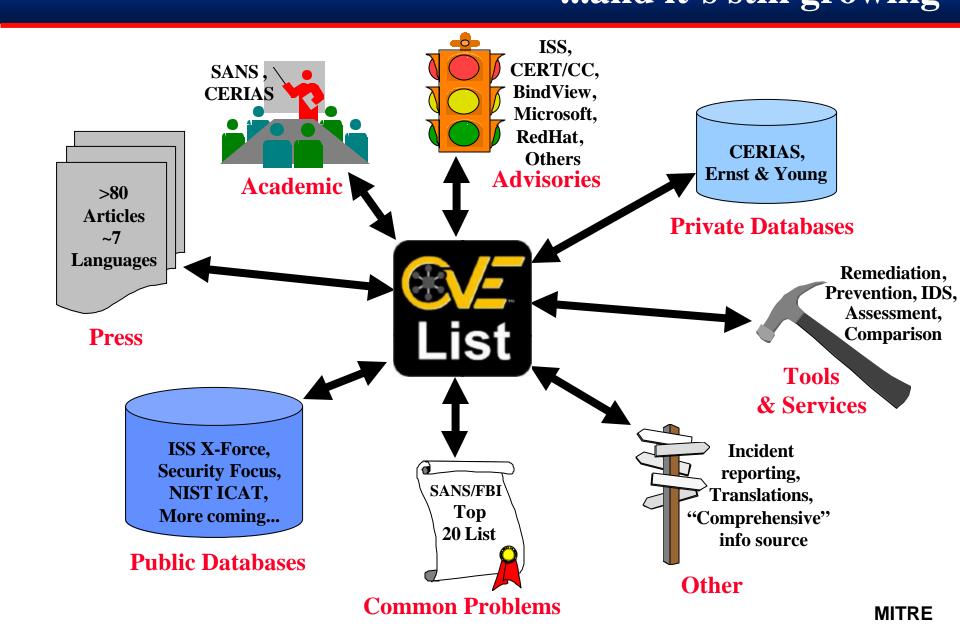
Tables from Network Computing Article "To Catch a THIEF" (8/20/2001)

The CVE Strategy: Where are we? (as of 24 October 2002)

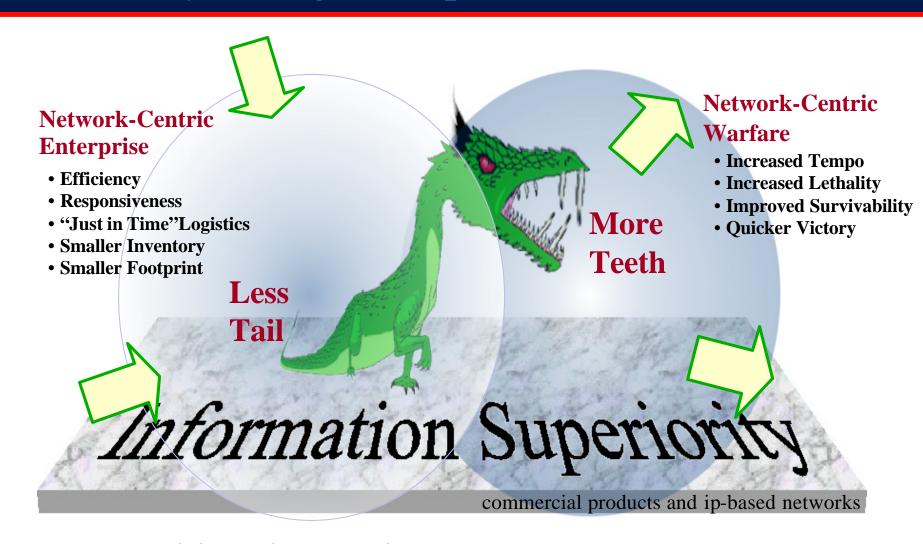
- 4. Establish CVE in vendor fix-it • Adding CVE names broached with 14 groups. sites and update mechanisms Commercial S/W Products Unreviewed Bugtrags, Mailing lists, **Update and Fix Sites & Update Mechanisms** Hacker sites **Discovery Policy** time **Reviewed Advisories Security Products** Methodologies CERT, CIAC, **Purchasing** Scanners, Intrusion Detection, Vendor advisories Requirements **Vulnerability Databases** Education 1. Inject CVE Names into advisories 3. ... enable CVE to permeate the policy level. CVE names have been included 2. Establish CVE at security
- in initial advisories from ISS X-Force, Rain Forest Puppy, IBM, @stake, BindView, CERT/CC, HP, SGI, COMPAO, Microsoft, Ernst & Young, eEye, CISCO, Rapid 7, NSFOCUS, Sanctum, SecurityFocus, VIGILANTe, Red Hat, Apache, and Apple.
- product level in order to ...
- 2223 CVE Entries --2900 Candidates.
- 103 CVE-compatible products from 66 groups.
- 89 more from these and 41 others in "the works".

- SANS / FBI Top 20 uses CVE names
- Network Computing IDS & Scanner Comparisons included CVE
- NIST Rec. 800-51 calls for use of CVE
- DSB Report calls for CVE compatibility
- Network World IDS Comparison included CVE coverage

CVE is the center of many activities and efforts... ...and it's still growing



CVE is helping make the critical task of effective vulnerability management possible



Commercial-based network-centricism requires management of product vulnerabilities

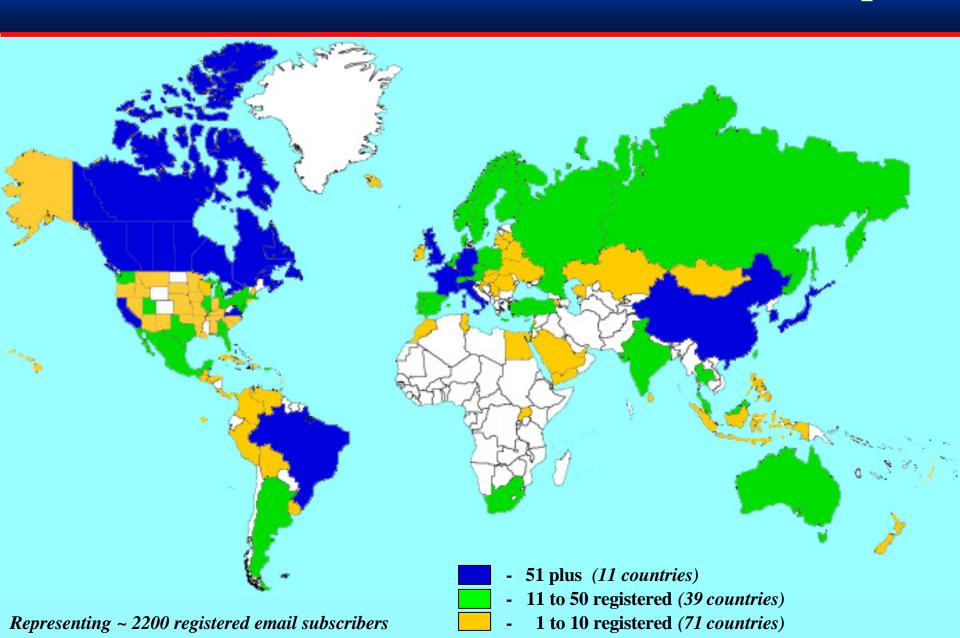
CVE is even getting used by Hackers!



At least two hackers are now suppling CVE names for the vulnerabilities that they find in the sites they hack into.



CVE email Lists Have an International Readership



For More Information





CVE web site http://cve.mitre.org